


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant believes that the pending claims 17-20 and 29-50 are allowable and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no fees are required for submission of this preliminary amendment. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

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